

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include new Figures 3, 5 and 6 to address the objections to the drawings stated in the Official Action. In particular, Figure 3 is amended to show the reinforcing fibers 35 oriented in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the annular body as recited in claims 7 and 15. Figure 3 is also amended to include shading to illustrate the filler material 34 disposed within interstices, as recited in claims 8, 9 and newly amended claim 1. Figures 5 and 6 are amended to include reference numerals 50 and 54 mentioned in the description on page 11, lines 7 and 18.

Attachment: New Figures 3, 5 and 6 (Sheets 2/3 and 3/3)
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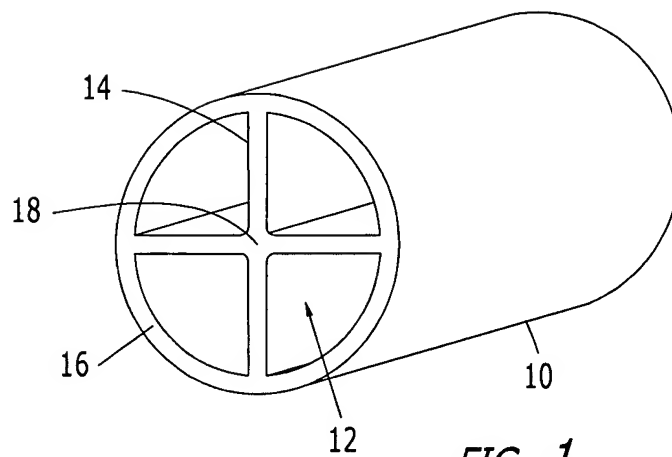


FIG. 1.

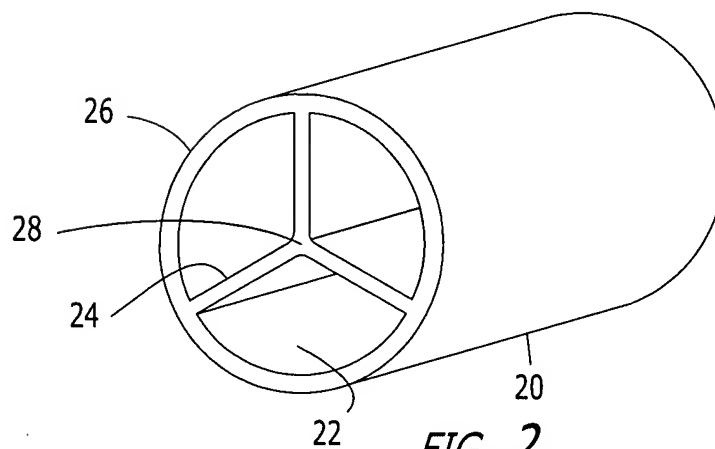
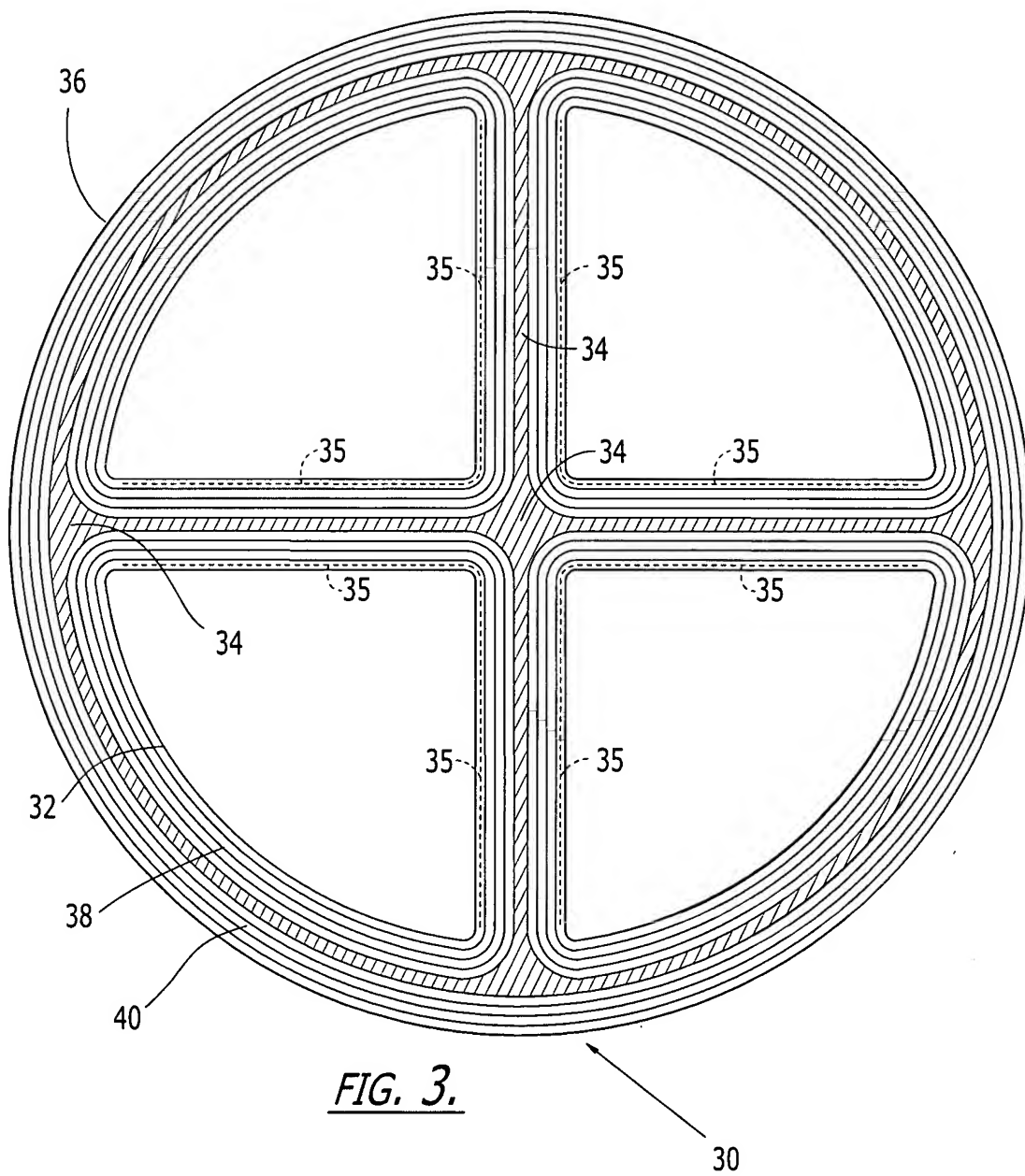


FIG. 2.



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